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1. POLICE HAVE MADE PERIODIC APPEARANCES AROUND PERIMETER OF UNIVERSITY OF SANTO DOMINGO (UASD) IN ANTICIPATION OF STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT OF AN INCREASED GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO UNIVERSITY BUDGET. DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE UNTIL NOW BEEN WITHIN UNIVERSITY CONFINES AND POLICE PRESUMABLY WILL NOT ACT UNTIL AND UNLDJS THEY MOVE OFF CAMPUS.

2. UASD BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT ARE ALWAYS DELICATE AND NEVER FAIL TO PRODUCE TENSIONS. THIS YEAR SITUATION SEEMS SOMEWHAT MORE ACUTE THAN IN RECENT YEARS BECAUSE OF HIGH RATE OF INFLATION AND ADDITION THIS YEAR OF SOME 5,000 NEW STUDENTS, TO BRING TOTAL UASD ENROLLMENT TO ABOUT 30,000. COMBINATION OF NEW REQUIREMENTS HAS MET WITH ALMOST COMPLETE GOVERNMENT SILENCE IN RESPONSE TO RECTOR'S OVERTURES FOR DISCUSSION AND HAS PRODUCED FEELINGS OF FRUSTRATION AMONG STUDENTS, FACULTY, ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORTERS OF UASD.
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3. ONE OF THE ELEMENTS OF FRUSTRATION HAS BEEN THAT NEGOTIATION CHANNEL IS RESTRICTED TO RECTOR AND PRESIDENT BALAGUER THROUGH VICE PRESIDENT GOICO MORALES. (EDUCATION MINISTER IS NOT INVOLVED IN UASD MATTERS.) ONLY PERSON AVAILABLE TO RECTOR IS GOICO MORALES WHO HAS NO AUTHORITY TO ACT AND MUST REFER ALL MATTERS TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER. CONTINUING SILENCE FROM GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED SHARPLY CRITICAL COMMENT FROM LEFTST AND OPPOSITION PRESS. EVEN CONSERVATIVE PRESS HAS FOUND FAULT WITH THIS ASPECT OF GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING.

4. UNIVERSITY'S POSITION IN DOMINICAN SOCIETY AND PARTICULARLY ITS RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT MAKES CONFLICT UNAVOIDABLE. AS AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATION DRAWING YOUNG STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, THE UNIVERSITY IS ALWAYS A HOTBED OF RADICAL IDEAS AND ACTIVITIES. UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY FROM WHICH IT DRAWS SUPPORT INSIST THAT COMPLETE DEMOCRACY AND OPENNESS AND ABSENCENCE OF POLITICAL DISCIPLINE IMPOSED BY AUTHORITIES ARE ESSENTIAL TO PRESERVE UNIVERSITY'S AUTONOMOUS CHARACTER. INEVITABLY, UNIVERSITY REPRESENTS OPPOSITION FORCE TO PRESENT GOVERNMENT, TO DOMINICAN MILITARY AND TO ENTIRE ESTABLISHMENT. ITS

RELIANCE ON STATE FOR VIRTUALLY ALL FUNDS FOR OPERATION PLACES IT IN EXTRAORDINARILY DELICATE POSITION.

5. FORCES GROUPED ON BOTH SIDES OF UNIVERSITY BUDGET QUESTION MUST BE CONSIDERED IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS BY PRINCIPALS. GOVERNMENT IS CAUTIOUS ABOUT CONCESSIONS TO UASD THAT WOULD ANGER MORE CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS WITH POLITICAL INFLUENCE. AT SAME TIME UNIVERSITY MUST STOUTLY DEFEND ITS OWN OPENNESS, ITS ABSENCE OF POLITICAL MONITORING AND ITS FULL AUTONOMY IN ORDER TO KEEP THE SUPPORT OF ENTIRE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY.

6. RECTOR, ALONG WITH SUPPORTERS OF UNIVERSITY, HAS WARNED PUBLICLY THAT CONTINUED PRECARIOSNESS OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CONDITION OF UNIVERSITY THREATENS ITS CONTINUED EXISTENCE AND CAN BE COUNTED ON TO PRODUCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT OF GREATER GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS. UNIVERSITY ADVOCATES ARE FULLY AWARE THAT STUDENT VIOLENCE IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED GOVERNMENT CONRIBUTION TO UASD BUDGET HAS ITS RISKS, BUT THEY CONTEND THAT FRUSTRATION IS SO SEVERE THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO AVOID CLASHES BETWEEN POLICE AND STUDENTS. THERE ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE, MOREOVER, THAT ERUPTION OF VIOLENCE, ALTHOUGH EASILY CONTRLLABLE BY POLICE, MAY BE

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